

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 34-21

Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 5, 2021

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The Department of Housing and Community Development

FOR the purpose of removing obsolete references to divisions of the Department of Planning; reorganizing County government by establishing a Department of Housing and Community Development; moving a function of the Department of Social Services to the Department of Housing and Community Development; providing for the Director of the Department; providing for the authority for the Department to convene advisory committees; providing for the duties of the Department; adding the Department as a voting member of the Commission on Disabilities; adding the Department as a nonvoting member of the Commission for Women; revising the reference to the department administering certain grant programs; providing for the construction and application of this Act; providing for the continuity of a certain offices and divisions, the status of certain

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

transactions and employees, and rights, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, obligations, rights, titles, and interests, licenses, registrations, certifications, and permits; directing the Charter Review Commission to draft conforming amendments; and generally relating to the establishment of Department of Housing and Community Development.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 3-2-1202(d)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 4 – The Administrative Services
Subtitle 12 – Department of Planning
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY adding

Sections 3-2-1601 through 3-2-1603
Article 3 – Administration
Title 2 – The Administrative Services
Subtitle 16 – Department of Housing and Community Development
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 3-3-602(a)(7)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations
Subtitle 6 – Commission on Disabilities
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 3-3-1902(a)(3)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations
Subtitle 19 – Commission for Women
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing

Section 3-4-402
Article 3 – Administration

Title 4 – Other County-Funded Agencies
Subtitle 4 – Department of Social Services
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 3-10-101(3)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 10 – Grant Review Procedure
Baltimore County Code, 2015

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

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ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

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Title 2 – The Administrative Services

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Subtitle 12 – Department of Planning

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8 § 3-2-1202. Planning.

9 (d) The Director of Planning shall administer the Department of Planning[, which shall
10 consist of the following divisions:

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(1) The Division of Community Development; and

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(2) The Division of Neighborhood Reinvestment].

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ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

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Title 2 – The Administrative Services

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SUBTITLE 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 § 3-2-1601.

2 (A) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT.

4 (B) ALL POWERS AND DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 64-83 AS
5 ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ARE TRANSFERRED AND ASSIGNED TO THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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8 § 3-2-1602.

9 (A) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
10 DEVELOPMENT, APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 402 OF THE CHARTER,
11 SHALL ADMINISTER THE DEPARTMENT.

12 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSONNEL CONSIDERED
13 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED
14 TO IT.

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16 § 3-2-1603.

17 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
18 MAY APPOINT AND CONVENE ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO AID AND ADVISE THE
19 DEPARTMENT IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

21 (1) DEVELOP, MANAGE, AND IMPLEMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS
23 DESIGNED TO SECURE SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES

1 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY;

2 (2) CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH OTHER COUNTY, STATE, AND
3 FEDERAL AGENCIES AND WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO
4 DEVELOP POLICY AND PLANS RELATED TO OR AFFECTING HOUSING,
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION, RURAL COMMUNITY
6 SERVICES, AND URBAN RENEWAL;

7 (3) ADMINISTER VARIOUS LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LOAN AND
8 GRANT PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMS FOR MODERATE AND LOW INCOME OR
9 SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES; AND

10 (4) PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS OR DUTIES AS MAY BE
11 PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR BY LAW.

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13 ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

14 Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

15 Subtitle 6 – Commission on Disabilities

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17 § 3-3-602. Membership.

18 (a) (7) The County Executive shall appoint one representative from each of the
19 following county agencies to serve as voting members:

- 20 (i) The Department of Aging;
- 21 (ii) The Department of Health;
- 22 (iii) The Department of Recreation and Parks;
- 23 (iv) The Department of Planning;

- 1 (v) The Department of Social Services;
- 2 (vi) The Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections;
- 3 (VII) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
- 4 DEVELOPMENT;
- 5 [(vii)] (VIII) The Fire Department; and
- 6 [(viii)] (IX) The Police Department.

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8 ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

9 Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

10 Subtitle 19 – Commission for Women

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12 § 3-3-1902. Membership.

13 (a) (3) The County Executive shall appoint one representative from each of the

14 following county agencies to serve as nonvoting members of the Commission:

- 15 (i) The Department of Health;
- 16 (ii) The Department of Social Services;
- 17 (iii) The Board of Education; [and]
- 18 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
- 19 DEVELOPMENT; AND
- 20 [(iv)] (V) The Human Relations Commission.

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22 ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

23 Title 4 – Other County-Funded Agencies

1 Subtitle 4 – Department of Social Services

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3 [§ 3-4-402. Housing.

4 All powers and duties as set forth in Resolution 64-83 as adopted by County Council are
5 transferred and assigned to the Department of Social Services.]

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7 Title 10. Grant Review Procedure

8 § 3-10-101.

9 This title does not apply to:

10 (3) The following programs administered by the [Department of Planning]
11 DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT for grants in amounts less than \$50,000 to a recipient in any
12 fiscal year:

13 (i) The Settlement Expense Program;

14 (ii) The Incentive Purchase Program;

15 (iii) The Single Family Rehabilitation Program; and

16 (iv) The Emergency Assistance Program;

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18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that except as expressly provided to
19 the contrary in this Act, any transaction or property interest affected by or flowing from any
20 change of nomenclature or any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act and validly
21 entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest
22 flowing from the statute, remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated,
23 completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended, repealed,

1 or transferred by this Act as though the repeal, amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If the
2 change in nomenclature involves a change in name or designation of any County unit, the
3 successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted
4 the former unit.

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6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that except as expressly provided in
7 this Act, the continuity of every commission, office, department, agency, bureau, division, or
8 other unit in existence on the effective date of this Act is retained, including any regulations
9 adopted, personnel decisions made, agreements or contracts executed and known as on the
10 effective date of this Act. The personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties
11 and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are
12 continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits,
13 assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

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15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that except as expressly provided to
16 the contrary in this Act, any person licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit or certificate
17 by any commission, office, department, agency, bureau, division, or other unit established or
18 continued by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act is considered for all
19 purposes to be licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit or certificate by the appropriate
20 unit continued under this Act for the duration of the term for which the license, registration,
21 certification, or permit was issued, and may renew that authorization in accordance with the
22 appropriate renewal provisions.

1 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Charter Review Commission
2 during its decennial review pursuant to Section 1203 of the Charter, is hereby directed to draft
3 amendments to the Charter in conformance with this Act.

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5 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the
6 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on May 3, 2021.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

ROLL CALL - LEGISLATION

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